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FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT: INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Commission, Ms. Jenny Gierveld (Netherlands), on the basis of informal consultations

Reporting requirements to the Commission on Population and Development

The Commission on Population and Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 50/206 of 23 December 1995 and 51/211 of 18 December 1996 on the control and limitation of documents and the need for documents to be available in a timely manner in all official languages,

Recalling decision 1995/1 of the Commission on Population and Development,

Having discussed the format and modalities for the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for the implementation of the Programme of Action, as requested in annex I to the report of the Commission at its twenty-eighth session,[1]

1. Requests the Secretariat, in view of the decision to streamline reporting, to report to the Commission at its thirty-first session on a new document structure and periodicity and revised reporting methodologies for ensuring coverage of currently required reporting;

[1] Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 7 (E/1995/27).

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2. Notes that the very broad special theme for 1999 and the need for quinquennial review in the same year will require careful and thorough planning to avoid excess documentation, and thus decides that the Secretariat should provide specific and detailed proposals on how to handle this issue for consideration by the Commission at its thirty-first session;

3. Requests that the material normally included in the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to be presented to the Commission at its thirty-first session, should be fully integrated into the reports on world population monitoring on the monitoring of population programmes;

4. Reiterates its request, in annex I,[1] for a revised report of the Secretary-General on the activities of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in reproductive health, to be presented to the Commission at its thirty-first session;

5. Decides that the report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population programmes:

(a) Should be more analytic in focus and relate progress more specifically to the goals and influence of the International Conference on Population and Development;

(b) Must cover experience in all countries, place a high priority on achieving a better response rate, and use innovative and collaborative approaches;

(c) Needs to ensure coverage of the range of activities in the special theme for the year;

6. Welcomes the initiative to improve the reporting on financial flows through collaboration with the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, and encourages exploration of opportunities to improve coverage and quality of other reports through similar collaborative ventures, for example, in monitoring non-governmental organizations;

7. Requests that the Report of the ACC Task Force on Basic Social Services for All give greater emphasis to outcomes, system-wide achievements and progress.